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Hon. John E. Fogarty U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Fogarty:

First, may I say how very pleased I was to read the article regarding your liberalization for the blind.

Secondly, I have briefly discussed Miss Switzer's letter with Mr. Koch. My feeling is that I possibly should have taken this up with Miss Switzer first and then asked her to discuss it with you. However, because in our state, whenever we want anything done in the line of rehabilitation, or for that matter any help for those who are in need of our medical services, we come to you, I sent the request directly to you. You have always helped us in a most miraculous way. I feel that an ammendment to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act is the next step and I believe Miss Switzer may suggest this at a future date.

The blind student that I wrote about has been well taken care of through other funds I had available. This situation was used as an example of what could happen if we did not have ways of securing help from other sources.

I will be coming to Washington to attend the Directors Meeting and the Meeting for the Physically Handicapped and look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely.

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Administrator